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SUBJ: NATO AEW-GERMAN VIEWS ON RECONFIGURED PROGRAM

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AN INFORMAL SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT AS OF APR 22, 77,
THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ON NATO AEW HAD BEEN CLEARED THROUGH
STATE SECRETARY DR. SCHNELL AND WERE BEING SUBMITTED AS
RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTER LEBER.
A. FIRST PRIORITY: 18 NATO E-3A AIRCRAFT.
B. SECOND, BUT SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER PRIORITY: 12 E-3A
AIRCRAFT, WITH RECOGNITION THAT THIS WOULD EVOKE
SUBSTANTIALLY LESS NATIONAL PARTICIPATION THAN FOR A
NATO PROGRAM.
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2. EARLY ANNUAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN CON-
SIDERED, AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE FRG MAY BE ABLE TO
INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY THE LEVEL OF ITS EARLY CONTRIBU-
TIONS, PERHAPS TO AS HIGH AS \$120M PER YEAR.

3. CONFIGURATION PER SE WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE
POSITION PAPER, BUT INFORMAL SOURCE BELIEVES THERE IS
STRONG FRG DESIRE FOR COMMONALITY WITH USAF E-3A. THE
FRG COULD PROBABLY AGREE TO A MODEST RELAXATION OF MODEL
C REQUIREMENTS TO ACHIEVE COMMONALITY, IF THE US WERE

ABLE TO UPGRADE ITS CONFIGURATION SOMEWHAT. HOWEVER, THE NATO CONFIGURATION MUST INCLUDE HIGH CAPACITY MEMORY STORAGE UNITS (MSU) AND AUTO TRACK INITIATION (BUT PERHAPS WITH FEWER CRITERIA). IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO COMPROMISE ON TOTAL TRACK CAPACITY IF THE POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE GROWTH IS PRESERVED.

4. THE PREVAILING VIEW OF ESD OL AIOO IS THAT A FORCE SIZE OF 12 AIRCRAFT IS PROBABLY NOT VIABLE IN US, SINCE IT WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN FINANCIAL SUPPORT BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY ONLY A FEW NATIONS (2-4), AND FURTHER, SUCH A FORCE SIZE DOES NOT MARKEDLY IMPROVE THE EARLY FUNDING PROBLEM. WHILE WE DO NOT RECOMMEND CLOSING ANY OPTIONS AT THIS TIME, PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE OTHER FACTORS WHICH SHOULD MODIFY THIS ASSESSMENT AND JUSTIFY A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH TO A REDUCED PROGRAM. IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL FOCUS ON AN 18 AIRCRAFT PROPOSAL. END TEXT.STREATOR

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